

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The music industry serves a smaller and smaller base of consumers as record labels and media conglomerates are able to work in collusion to create predictable results for investors, thanks to weaker restrictions on ownership of radio stations. Small artists cannot survive, local broadcasts are disappearing, and listeners wonder why there is little on the air that is worth listening to as they are coerced to buy the latest releases which tested well among a small sample of executives. This system is absurd. You must not allow the mouthpieces of the public to be further tied to the hands of the wealthy, who are uninterested in providing fair and accurate reports or serving the public interest when competition disappears. If you do not listen to the pleas of the public, I will not forget it, and neither will my fellow voters all across the country, who put your bosses in power. Thank you for your time.